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National Adult Cardiac Surgery Audit (NACSA)

Interim Report 2026
Including data to 30th September 2025





Number of procedures

All cases

Recovery post-pandemic by quarter

All cases by hospital

Isolated CABG cases by urgency

Waiting times and care pathways

Elective CABG waiting times

Elective CABG waiting times by hospital

Urgent CABG waiting times

Urgent CABG cases in target by hospital

CABG post-op LOS

CABG post-op LOS by hospital

Complications

CABG re-operation for bleeding

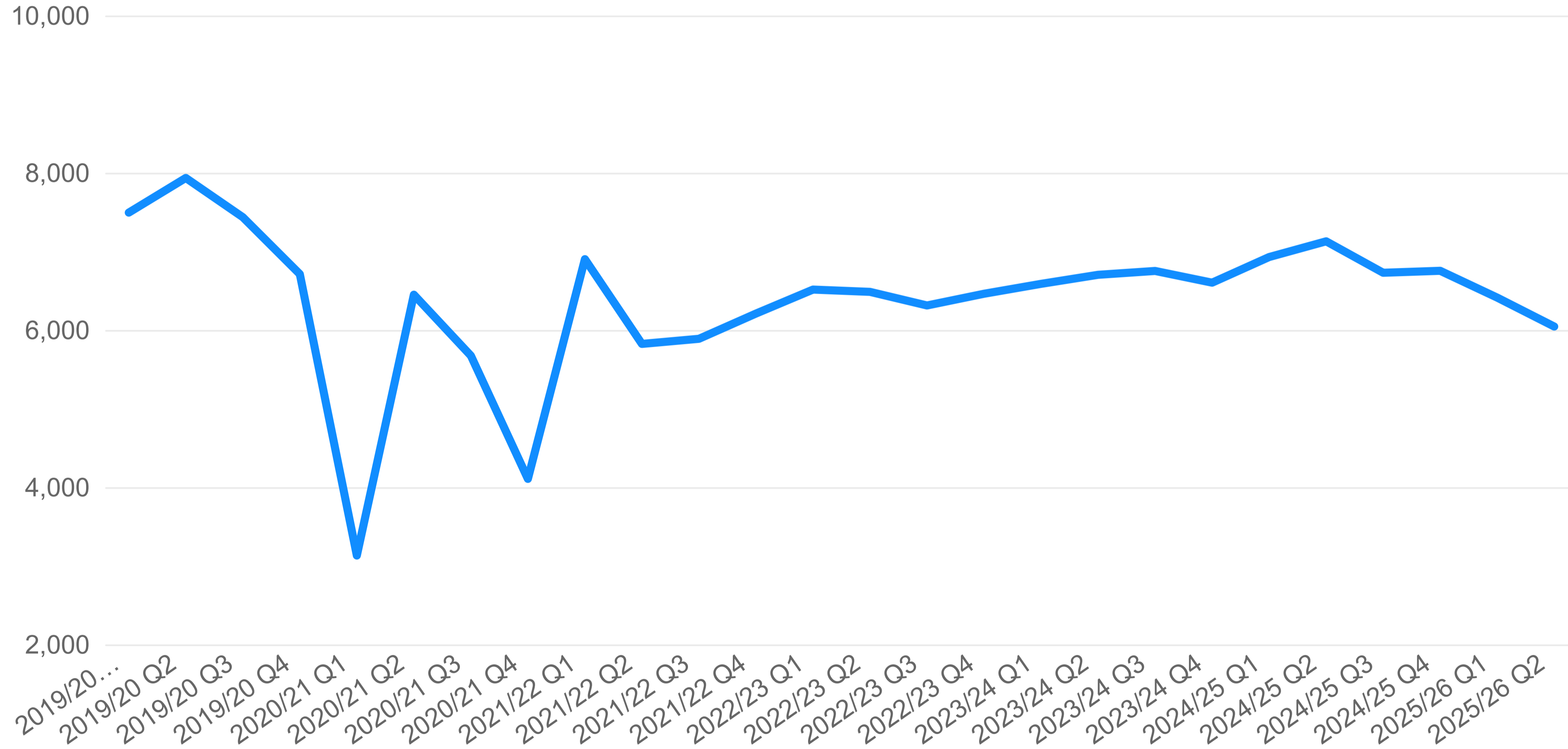
Case submissions for Q1 and Q2 2025/26 are lower than expected for many hospitals, probably due to incomplete data



Cardiac surgical operations in England, Wales and Northern Ireland, by quarter (up to September 2025)

Cardiac surgery cases are gradually increasing since the falls seen during the first two waves of the COVID-19 pandemic, but have not yet recovered to pre-pandemic levels.

Data are included to the end of Q2 2025/26. Submissions for Q1 and Q2 for 2025/26 represent only 46% of activity in 2024/25. The apparent drop in activity seen in Q1 and Q2 2025/26 activity is because some centres appear not to have submitted complete data within the requested timeframe.

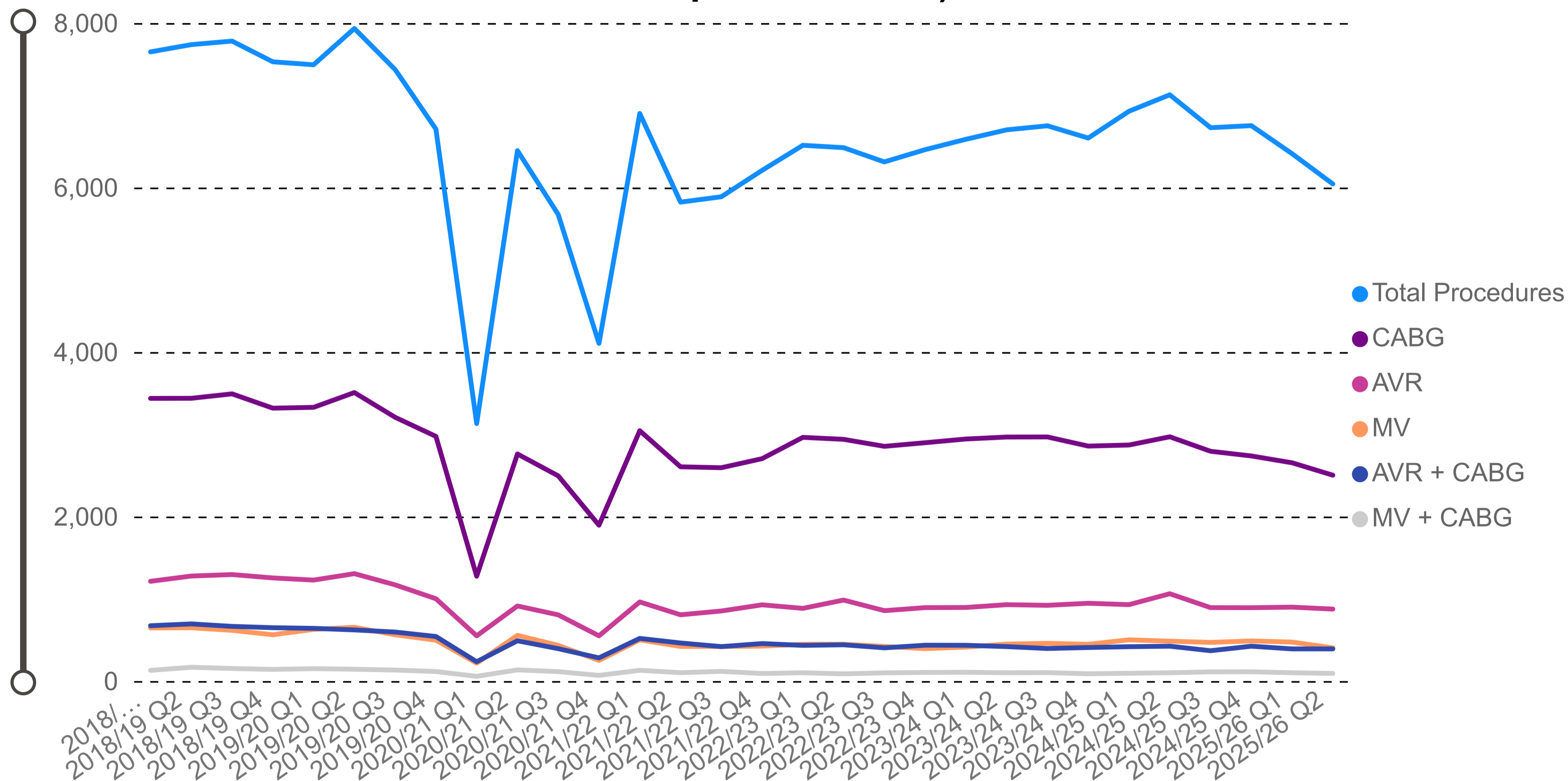




Number of cardiac surgical operations by procedure type, by quarter (up to September 2025)

This graph shows the quarterly numbers of the most commonly performed cardiac surgery operations as well as the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. It reveals that clinical services have not returned to pre-pandemic levels.

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Cardiac surgical operations performed by each hospital - quarterly activity from 2023/24 and up to Q2 2025/26



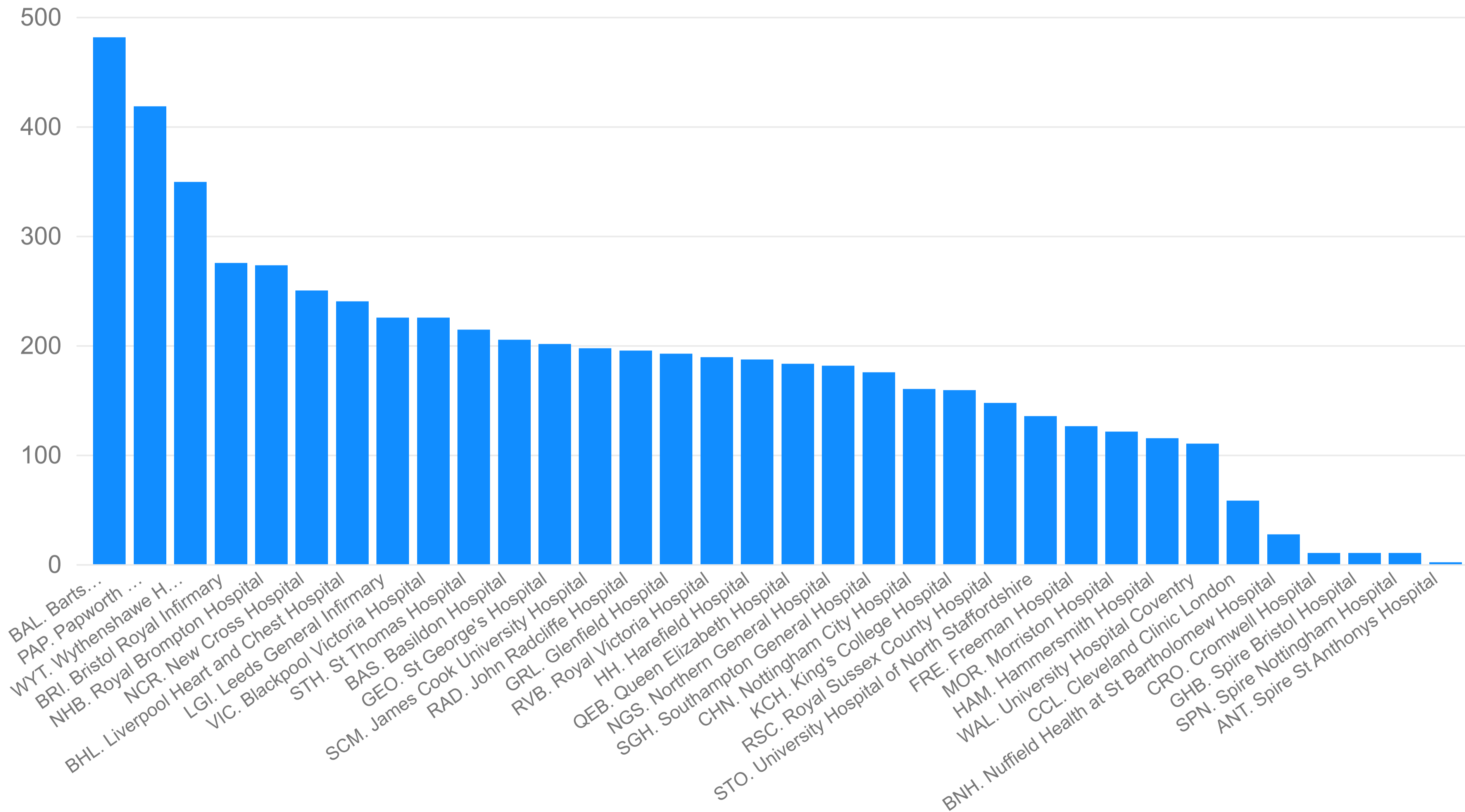
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Cardiac operations by hospital, by selected quarter



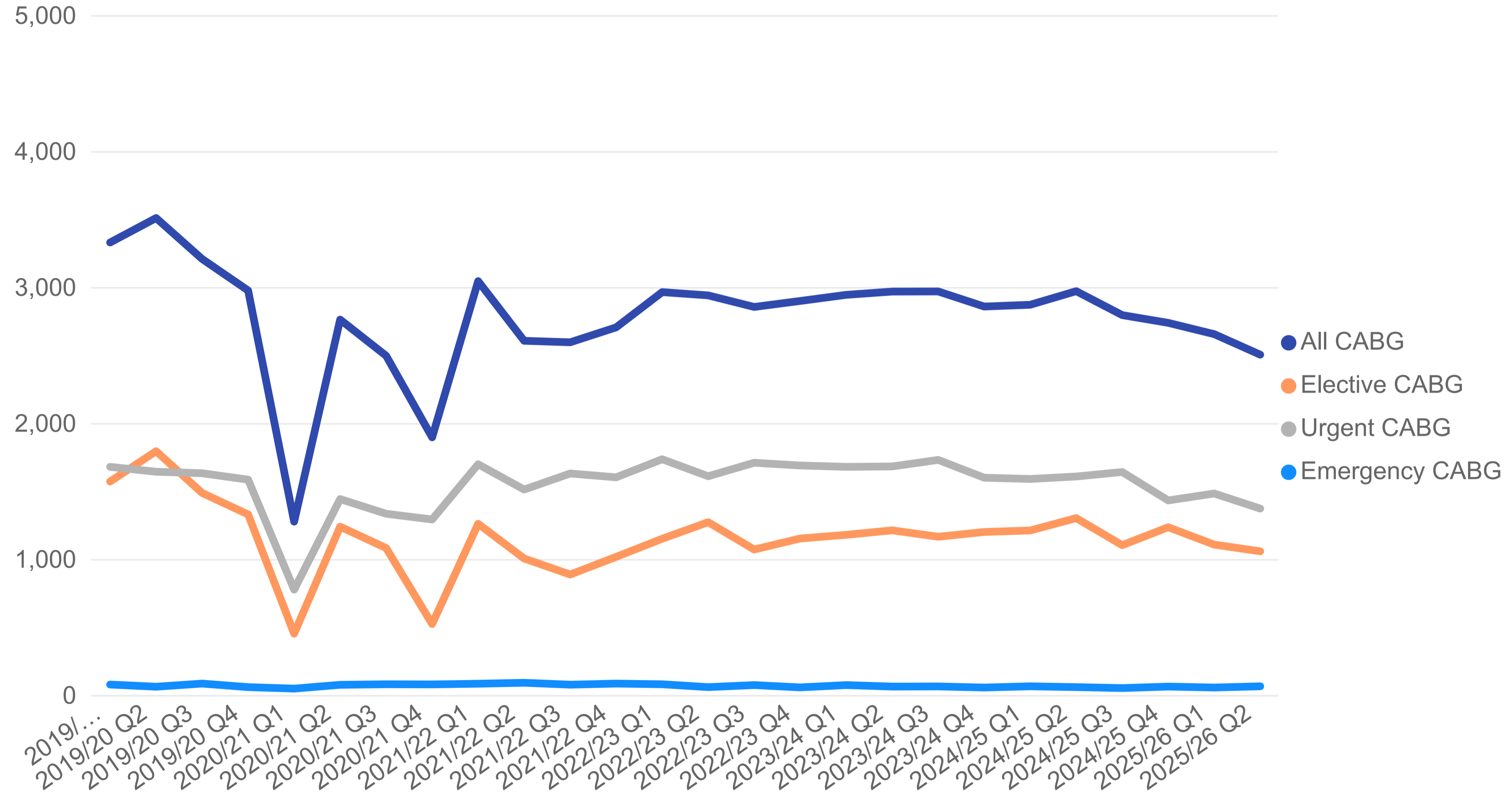
Select a financial year and quarter to reveal the relevant data.

Data are included to the end of Q2 2025/26 but are incomplete for Q1 and Q2 2025/26 as some centres appear not to have submitted all their data within the requested timelines. Two hospitals (Castle Hill Hospital and Spire Hospital, Southampton) have not sent data for this period.

For isolated CABG operations, the proportion of elective, urgent and emergency cases appears unchanged compared to the last two complete financial years



Number of isolated CABG procedures by urgency, by quarter (up to September 2025)

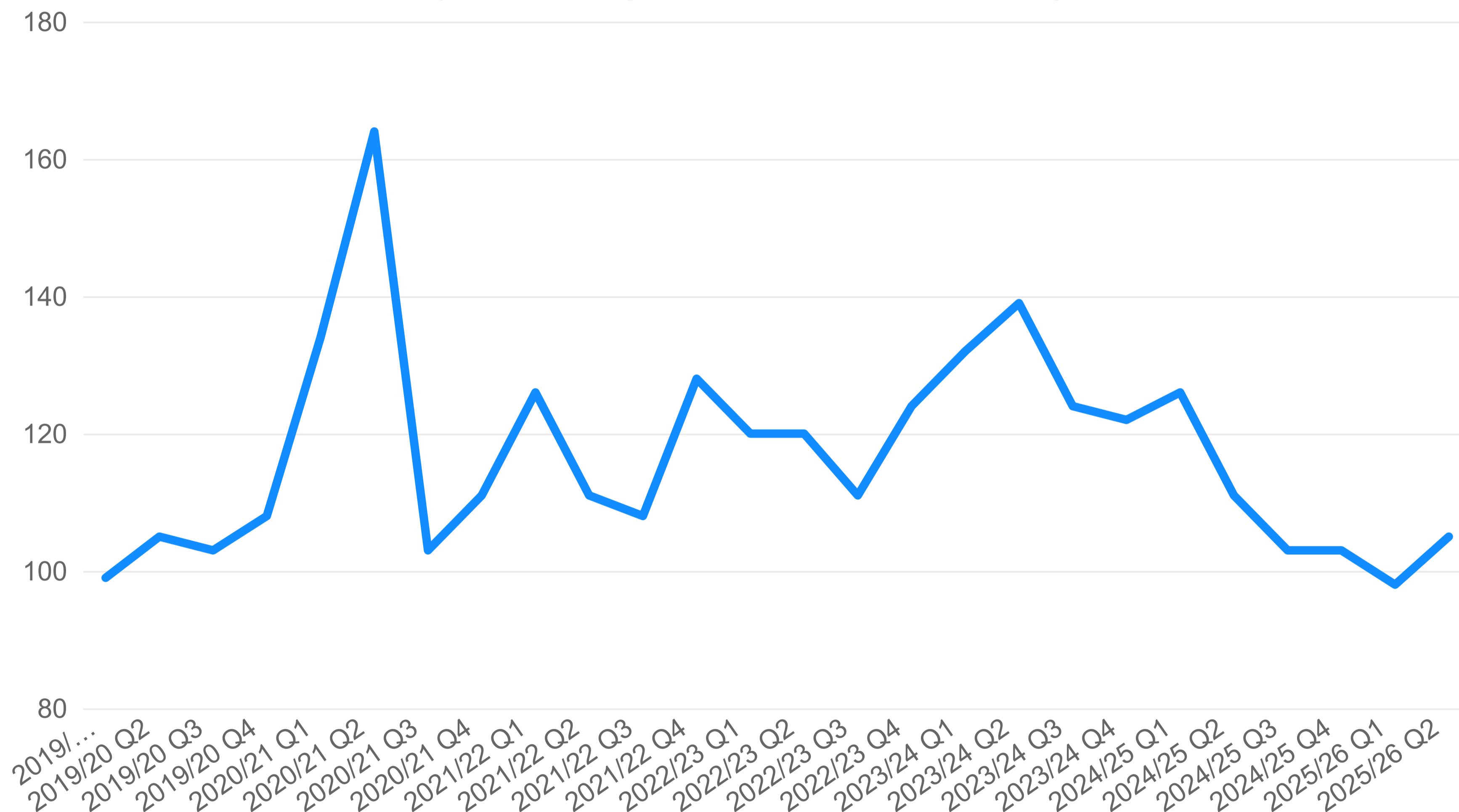


Over the last few years, more urgent CABG procedures have been performed than elective procedures.

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Average waiting time (days) from angiography to elective CABG operation, by quarter (up to September 2025)



Waiting times for elective CABG have been increasing since 2019. The spike in 2020/21 was due to the pandemic, but waits have continued to drop since Q2 2023/24. Q1 2025/26 average elective waiting time was 98 days (similar to 2019/20) whereas in Q2 2025/26 there was a small rise to 105 days.

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Waiting times for elective CABG vary considerably between hospitals



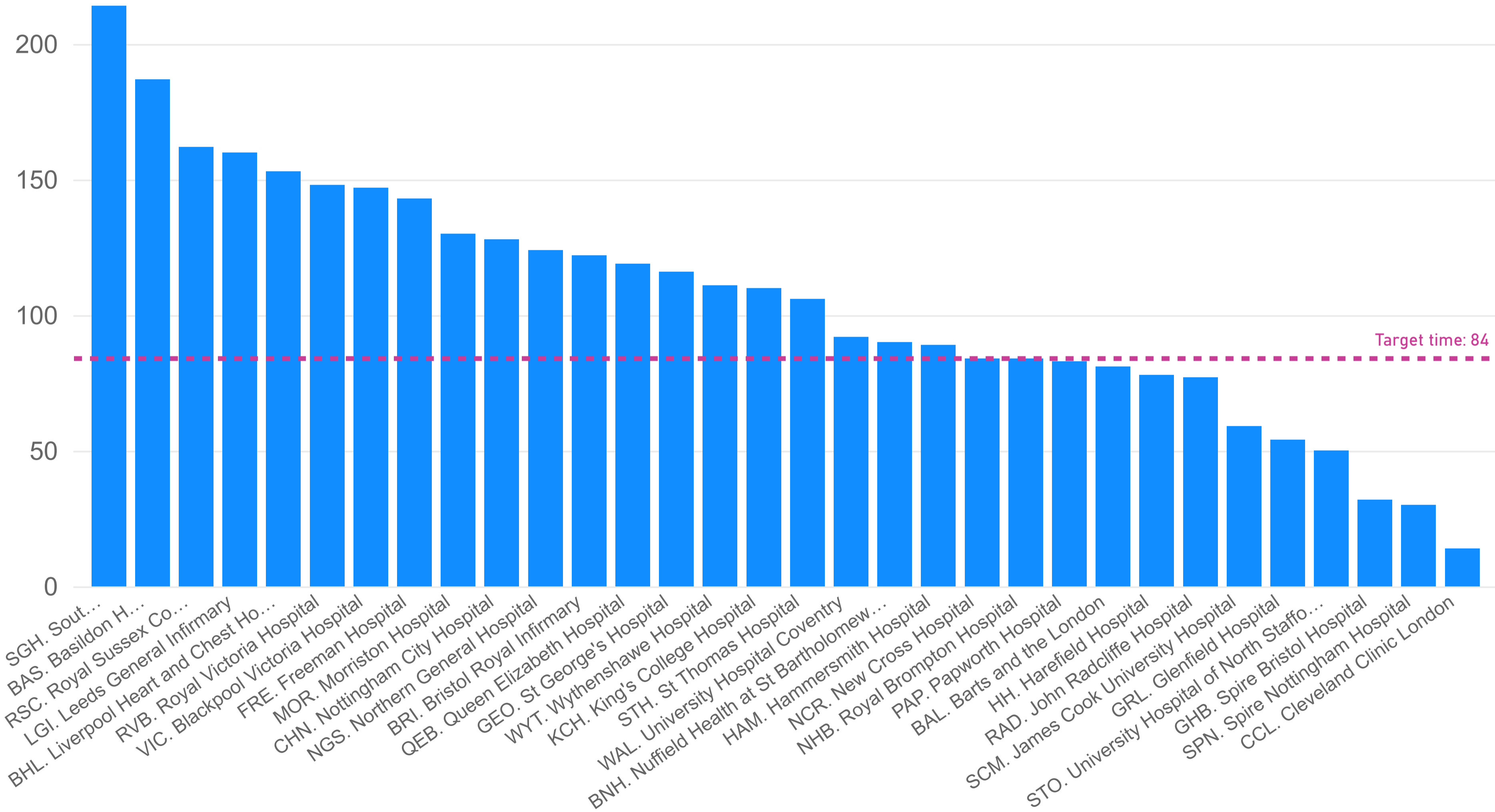
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Waiting times (days) from angiography to elective CABG by hospital, by selected quarter



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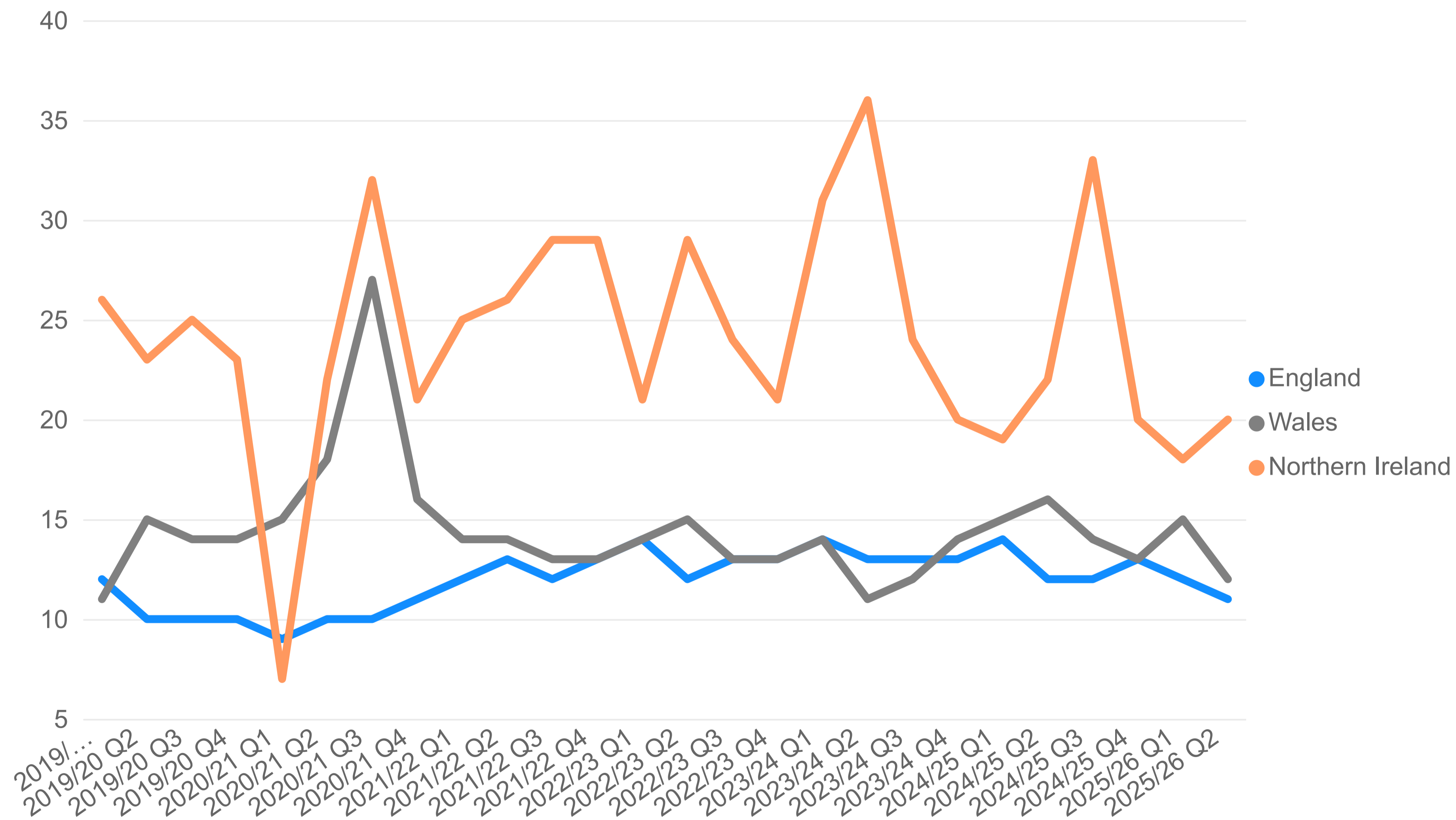
Average waiting times for urgent CABG may be falling



Waiting times for urgent CABG (time from angiography to operation) increased after the pandemic but the available data for Q1 and Q2 suggest some improvement.

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Waiting times (days) for urgent CABG, by quarter (up to September 2025)



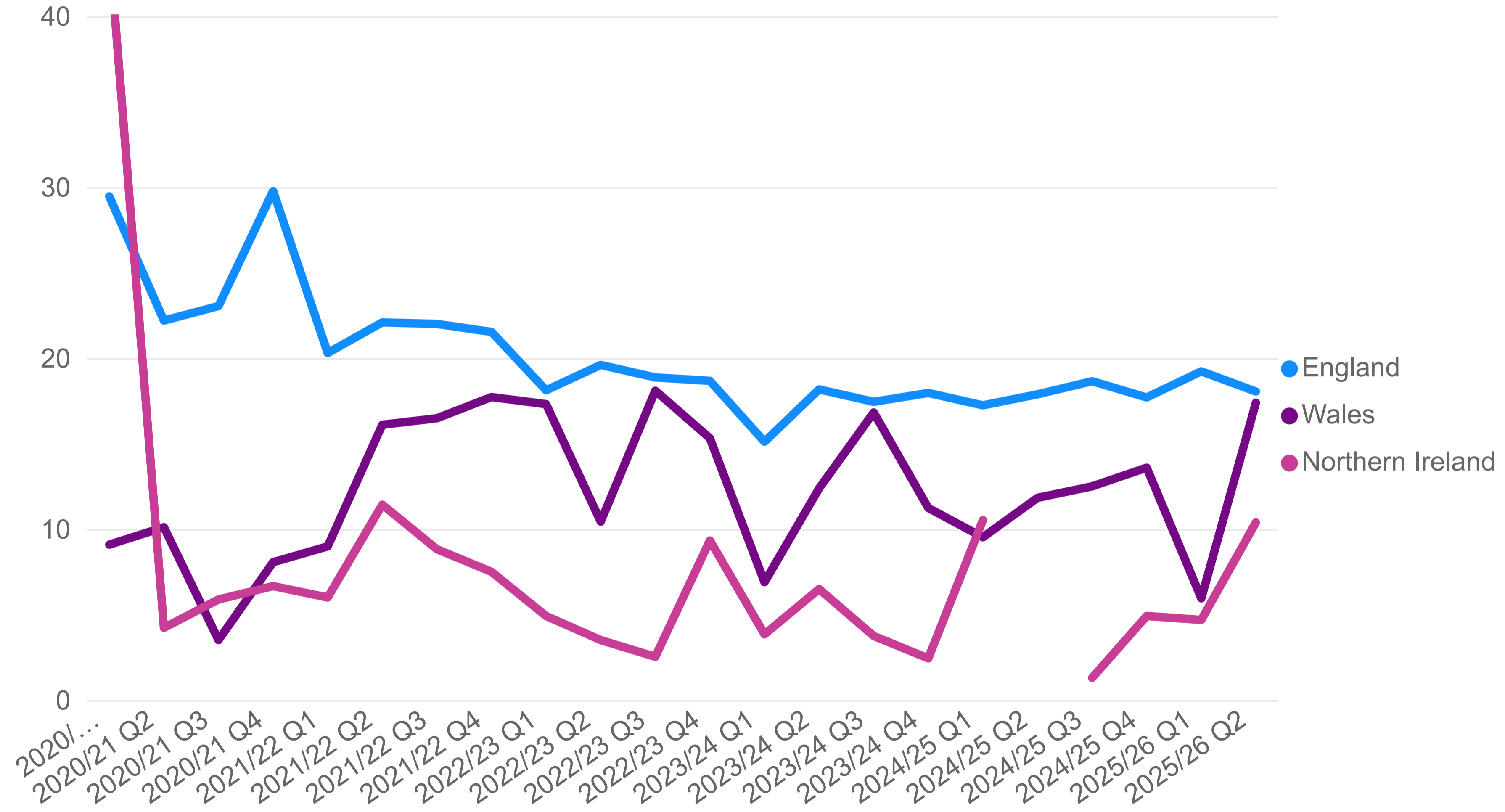
Too few urgent CABG procedures are being performed within seven days of coronary angiography



Urgent CABG is usually performed prior to discharge when a patient has presented with a non-ST-elevation myocardial infarction (NSTEMI heart attack). Since 2019, fewer hospitals are hitting the target to undertake urgent CABG within 7 days of coronary angiography.

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Percentage of patients undergoing urgent CABG within the 7-day target by country, by quarter (up to September 2025)



Average waiting time for urgent CABG in Q1 and Q2 2025/26 varied from 7 to 36 days in different NHS hospitals



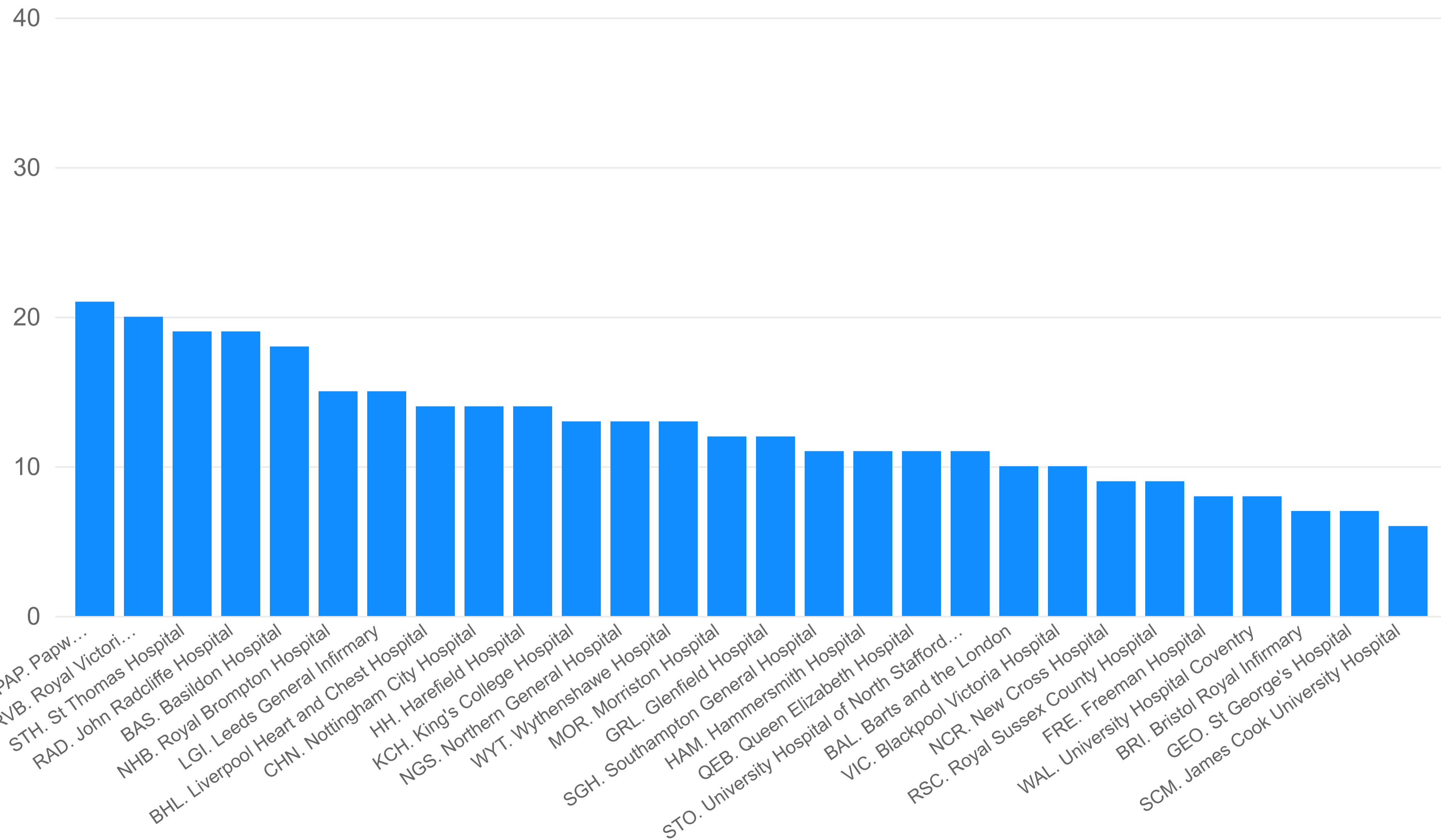
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Average waiting time (days) for urgent CABG by hospital for selected quarter



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Post-operative length of stay after CABG is unchanged

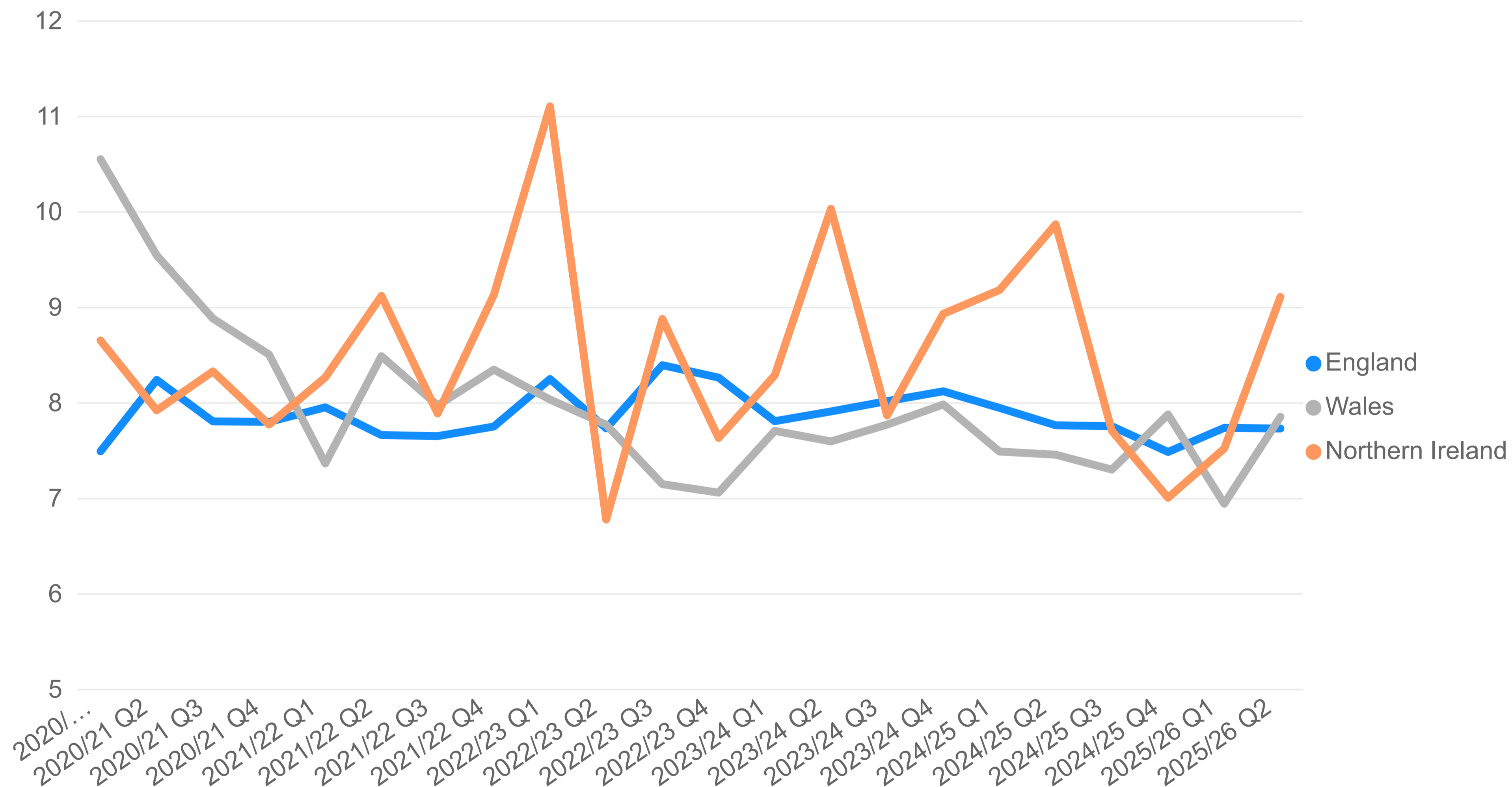


Post-operative length of stay (days) in hospital after CABG by country, by quarter (up to September 2025)

Increased post operative length of stay may reflect greater rates of post-operative complications following surgery.

There appears to be no change in the hospital stays over the last five years.

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Post-operative length of stay after CABG varies considerably between hospitals



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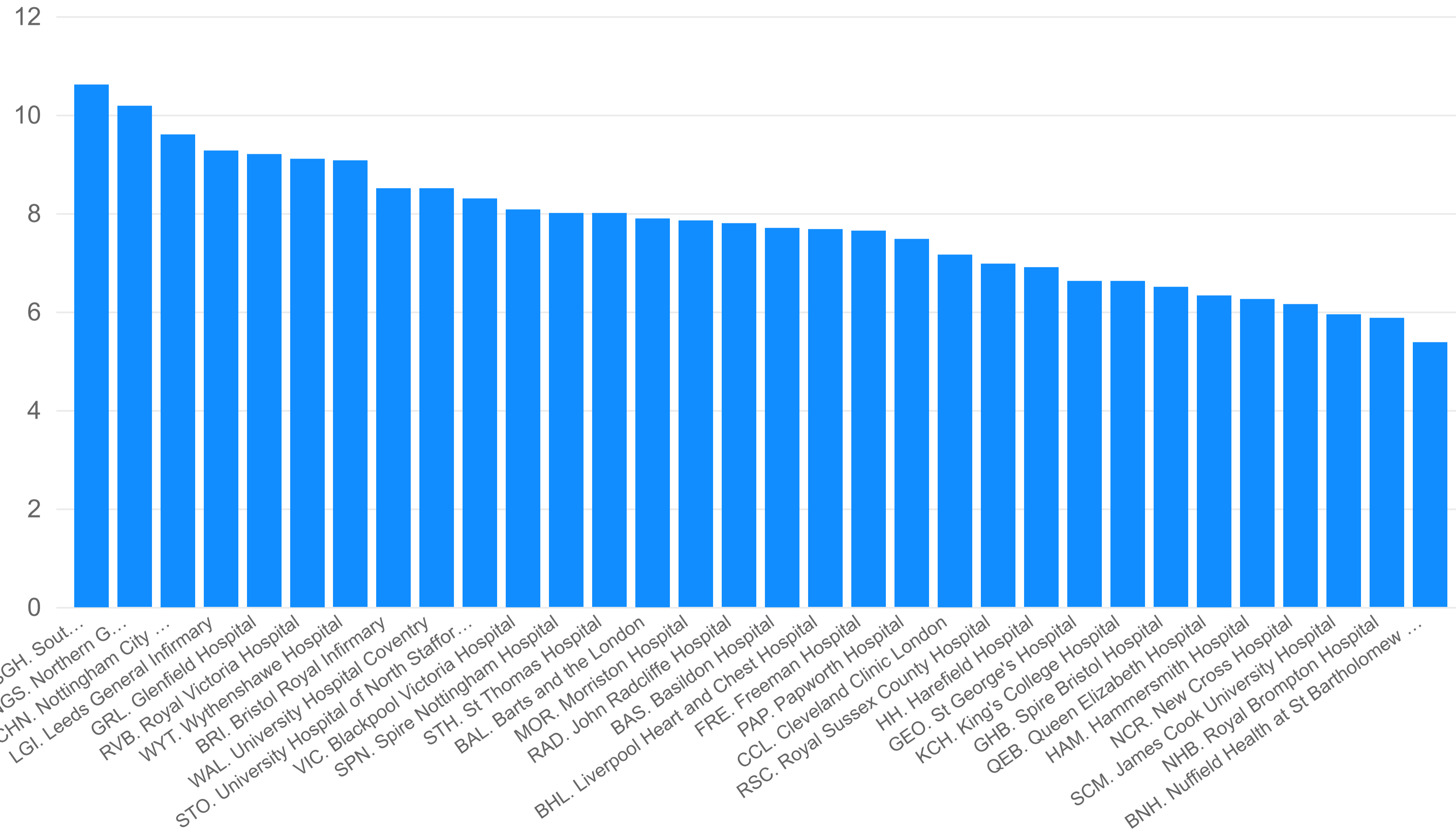
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Post-operative length of stay (days) after CABG by hospital, by selected quarter



The re-operation rate for bleeding following CABG remains low



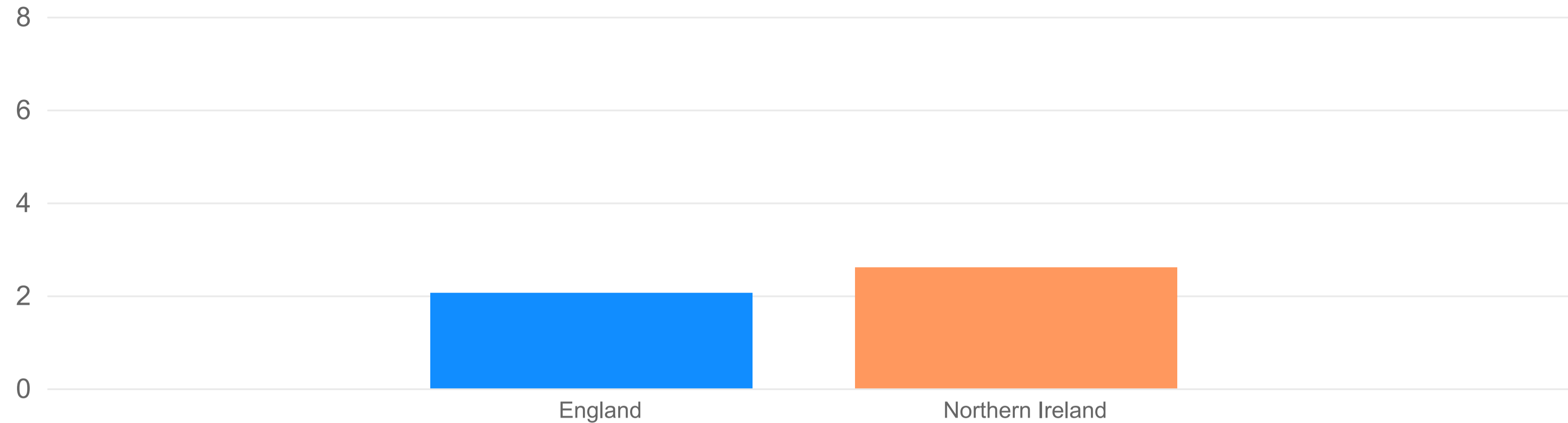
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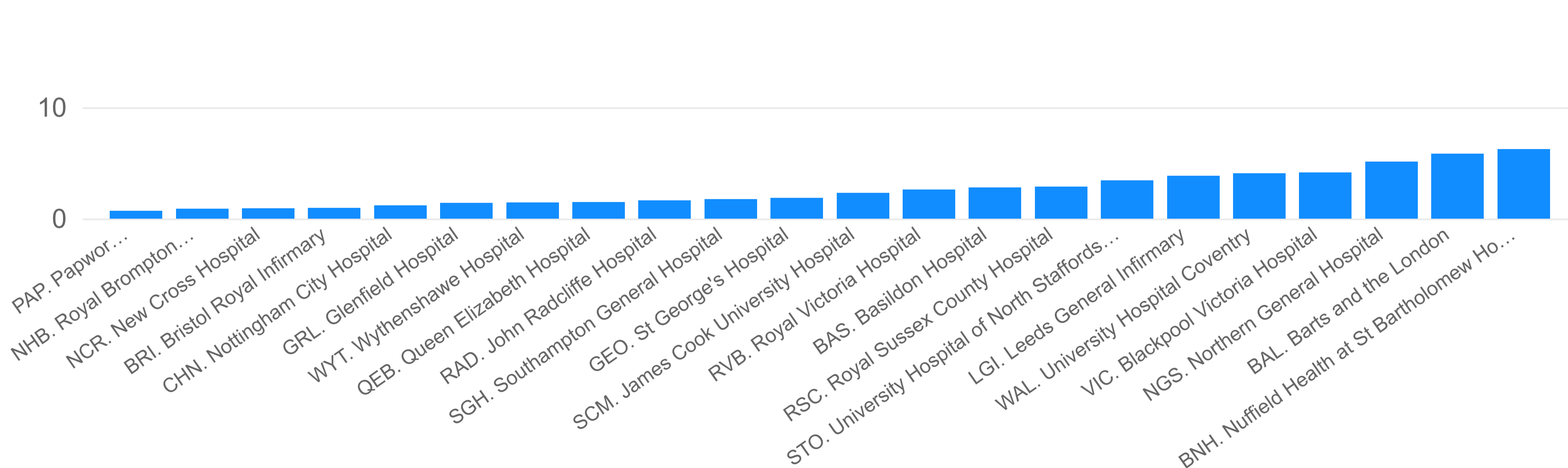
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Re-operation rate (%) for bleeding following CABG by country for the selected quarter



Re-operation rate (%) for bleeding following CABG by hospital for the selected quarter



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Rates for a single centre may fluctuate with even single cases from a relatively small cohort performed in the selected quarter.

List of hospitals that have not submitted data for the period from 1st April 2025 to 30th September 2025



CBS. Spire Southampton Hospital

CHH. Castle Hill Hospital, Hull



ANT	St Anthony's Hospital, London	MAT	Mater Misericordiae Hospital, Dublin
BAL	Barts Heart Centre, London	MPC	Mater Private Hospital, Cork
BAS	Basildon Hospital, Essex	MOR	Morrison Hospital, Swansea
BNH	Nuffield Health at St Bartholomew's Hospital	MRI	Manchester Royal Infirmary
CBS	Spire Hospital, Southampton	NCR	New Cross Hospital, Wolverhampton
CHH	Castle Hill Hospital, Hull	NGS	Northern General Hospital, Sheffield
CHN	Nottingham City Hospital	NHB	Royal Brompton Hospital, London
CCL	Cleveland Clinic, London	PAP	Royal Papworth Hospital, Cambridge
CRO	Cromwell Hospital, London	PLY	Derriford Hospital, Plymouth
FRE	Freeman Hospital, Newcastle	QEB	Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham
GEO	St George's Hospital, London	RAD	John Radcliffe Hospital, Oxford
GRL	Glenfield Hospital, Leicester	RSC	Royal Sussex County Hospital, Brighton
HAM	Hammersmith Hospital, London	RVB	Royal Victoria Hospital, Belfast
HH	Harefield Hospital, London	SCM	James Cook University Hospital, Middlesbrough
HHW	Wellington Hospital, London	SGH	Southampton General Hospital
HSC	Harley Street Clinic, London	STH	St Thomas' Hospital, London
KCH	Kings College Hospital, London	STO	University Hospital of North Staffordshire, Stoke
LBH	London Bridge Hospital, London	UHW	University Hospital of Wales, Cardiff
LGI	Yorkshire Heart Centre, Leeds	VIC	Blackpool Victoria Hospital
MAP	Mater Private Hospital, Dublin	WAL	University Hospital, Coventry
		WYT	Wythenshawe Hospital, Manchester